WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Target for export during 2008-09

†242. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set target for export for the financial year 2008-09;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the export target includes the value of export from the Special Economic Zones;

(d) if so, the target set for such export;

(e) the total amount of export made from the Special Economic Zones and Non- Special Economic Zones during the April-December period; and

(f) the difference between the actual amount of export and the targeted amount of export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (f) While announcing the Annual Supplement to Foreign Trade Policy on 11th April, 2008, the Government fixed an export target of US$ 200 billion for merchandise exports for the year 2008-09, including export from the Special Economic Zones (SEZ). On account of subsequent global financial crisis and economic slowdown of developed economies, the target of US$ 200 billion is unlikely to be achieved. Merchandise exports from SEZ and non-SEZ areas during April to December 08 was US$ 130.91 billion, compared to US$ 113.48 billion during the corresponding period of previous year.

Loss of jobs due to decrease in export

†243. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been huge decrease in export from India due to economic recession in America and European countries;

(b) if so, the assessment regarding decrease in export between April and December during the financial year 2008-09;

(c) whether there is apprehension of increase in unemployment in the country due to decrease in export; and

(d) if so, the number of persons who have lost their jobs?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.